MARIA NORMA

00:05:47:48 - 00:05:51:54
When the population started growing more, let’s say,

00:05:51:54 - 00:05:52:57
everything began to dry up.

00:05:52:57 - 00:05:54:35
When the mining companies started,

00:05:54:35 - 00:05:56:15
everything out front started to dry up.

00:05:56:15 - 00:05:58:39
There’s no water there anymore.

00:05:58:39 - 00:06:02:58
Afterwards, I remember that, out front, there was a fallow field they used to water.

00:06:02:58 - 00:06:06:19
Now, it has no water. And I don’t know anymore.

00:06:06:19 - 00:06:08:22
There are no plants anymore. There’s nothing anymore

00:06:08:22 - 00:06:12:37
because it started to dry up more and more, more.

00:06:12:37 - 00:06:13:59
And in the field, too,

00:06:13:59 - 00:06:17:35
where you saw that little spring, there was also a lot more water there.

00:06:17:35 - 00:06:21:20
I’d go to the field from there. But if we don’t have cattle,

00:06:21:20 - 00:06:25:46

we no longer have anything to live on either. [With cattle] at least we have meat.

00:06:25:46 - 00:06:29:47
And also, if we have water, there is the possibility

00:06:29:47 - 00:06:33:44
of planting, let’s say, of having our vegetables, all those things.

00:06:33:44 - 00:06:37:35
Putting in alfalfa, planting for our cattle.

00:06:37:35 - 00:06:39:51
But since there’s no water, not anymore.

00:06:39:51 - 00:06:41:46
We have nothing.

REYNALDO LUZCO

00:00:02:56 - 00:00:06:52
There was water before, more than now.

00:00:06:52 - 00:00:08:30
Now, no. There is little.

00:00:10:31 - 00:00:13:30
For a couple of years now.

00:00:13:30 - 00:00:16:06
More before, yes. It would often rain a lot.

00:00:16:06 - 00:00:19:18
The grass would often grow nicely

00:00:19:18 - 00:00:20:49
on the farm.

00:00:20:49 - 00:00:23:16

The goats would grow big here.

00:00:23:16 - 00:00:24:31
Now, very small.

00:00:24:31 - 00:00:28:06
They aren’t bred because there hasn’t been a way to breed much livestock now.

00:00:28:34 - 00:00:33:09
Before, oof, we constantly had goats.

00:00:34:41 - 00:00:38:40
I had goats and sheep. I had three hundred head.

00:00:38:40 - 00:00:40:23
And now, no. I have very few.

00:00:43:50 - 00:00:45:48
Because they don’t, they don’t put on enough weight.

ARMANDO MORALES

00:00:00:03 - 00:00:04:04
Ever since I can remember,

00:00:04:04 - 00:00:06:08
we’ve always farmed for our own consumption.

00:00:06:08 - 00:00:10:20
Then, time went by. And wanting

00:00:10:20 - 00:00:14:09
to take advantage of the resource and [create]

00:00:14:09 - 00:00:16:23
a source of employment for ourselves,

00:00:16:23 - 00:00:21:17

that’s why, later, we started a trout business,

00:00:21:17 - 00:00:26:05
the idea being that the young people wouldn’t go to the city to look for work and all that.

00:00:26:17 - 00:00:30:10
To us, development is

00:00:30:10 - 00:00:32:23
being able to do it planned out

00:00:32:23 - 00:00:38:01
and also well balanced with the nature here

00:00:38:01 - 00:00:41:14
because, otherwise, it also doesn’t make sense to come and remove everything

00:00:41:14 - 00:00:43:16
and allow destruction, right?

00:00:43:16 - 00:00:47:24
It’s a two-way street

00:00:47:24 - 00:00:50:22
because the land gives us life.

00:00:50:22 - 00:00:54:00
When we die, we go to the land.

00:00:54:00 - 00:00:55:18
It allows us to eat.

00:00:55:18 - 00:00:59:04
In other words, it allows us to feed ourselves, to be able to survive.

00:00:59:04 - 00:01:01:20
So, in the same way, we have to take care of it

00:01:01:20 - 00:01:04:04
and make sure they know

00:01:04:04 - 00:01:09:24
people live where the lithium is being extracted.

00:01:09:24 - 00:01:11:09
They have a way of life.

00:01:11:09 - 00:01:14:11
They have a culture going back generations.

00:01:14:11 - 00:01:17:16
That the government wants to exterminate us. They want to kill us

00:01:17:16 - 00:01:19:12
with these companies

00:01:19:12 - 00:01:21:13
in exchange for money. You know?

00:01:21:13 - 00:01:22:17
So, I believe

00:01:22:17 - 00:01:24:09
we are defending [ourselves].